

## STATE NEWS HAPPENINGS.

### ENCAMPMENT CLOSED.

Visits Made and the Officers Installed—The Old Veterans Left for Their Homes.

Covington, Ky., June 5.—The encampment of the G. A. R. department of Kentucky, took place in Covington Tuesday. The crowd surpassed the expectations of the entertainment committee, the largest delegation being from Louisville. Tuesday night was the big night of the encampment. Many addresses by prominent men were made.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning a meeting was held at Odd Fellows' hall for the purpose of transacting important business and electing officers. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John Blaz, department commander for the state of Kentucky; Jas. Byland, senior vice department commander; W. H. Garr, junior vice department commander; chaplain, D. P. Myers; delegates, R. M. Buckley, W. Sanders, and Chas. Solar.

Covington, Ky., June 6.—The state encampment, G. A. R. department of Kentucky, came to a close at Covington Tuesday, and the veterans start for their homes Thursday morning. The last meeting was held at Odd Fellows' hall, at 10 o'clock a. m., when the reports of the officers and committees were approved. Then followed the installation of officers by Col. O. A. Reynolds.

The balance of the day was spent at Coney Island, and later a visit was paid to Ft. Thomas. The old soldiers and their friends leave with a favorable impression of the second city in the state. The next place of meeting will be at Lebanon, Ky.

### FIRE AT LEXINGTON.

Twenty-Six Houses Destroyed, Entailing a Loss of About Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Lexington, Ky., June 8.—Twenty-six houses on Georgetown, Short and Todd streets were destroyed by fire Friday. The damage done is estimated at \$60,000, with insurance on about half of the property destroyed. J. A. Oots, cooperage shop; D. D. Sallee's grocery, Perkins' livery stable, the Webster hotel, owned and used as a restaurant by Mrs. Bridget Shannon & H. P. Shepherd, Stephen Boles' and B. O. Vaughn's two-story brick residences were the most valuable buildings.

The others were brick and frame cottages. They were occupied by poor families, who are now in distress. The fire originated at 1:30 o'clock in a Negro cottage from a defective flue. A furious wind was blowing and the fire spread with such rapidity that little household property was saved. Several children were seriously, but not fatally, burned. St. Joseph's hospital, a large institution, was in line of the fire, and was saved with difficulty. The greater part of two blocks are in ruins. For several hours the entire western suburb was threatened, and neighboring places were called upon for aid. The fire was gotten under control at 4 o'clock.

### WARRANTS ARE OUT.

A Band of KKKs Outlaws Severely Whipped a Widow, Known as "Old Jane."

Mayking, June 7.—An organized band of kkkks, such as has been terrorizing Letcher county for years, has developed at Hazard, south of here, in Perry county, and the band brutally whipped Mrs. Jane Young, a widow, commonly known as "Old Jane." She is a respected woman and the affair caused a wide sensation throughout the county.

Warrants have been issued for ten young men, implicating them in the gang of outlaws, and their arrest will follow. They are all prominent in the society of Hazard and Perry counties.

### O'Brien Sells Two Colts to Bennett.

Lexington, Ky., June 10.—Dan O'Brien Saturday night announced the sale of the two sensational 2-year-olds in his stable. The bay colt Aladdin, by Imp. St. George—Merrywise, by Elias Lawrence, and the chestnut colt Blenheimworth, by Prince of Monaco—Middlemarch, by Imp. Billet, to C. G. Bennett & Co., the noted racing firm of Memphis. The price was \$7,000. Both are unbeaten. Aladdin having won his three starts and Blenheimworth his only start. O'Brien brought them of W. S. Barnes, their breeder, for \$800 each.

### Her Money and Diamonds Gone.

Louisville, Ky., June 7.—Mrs. Annie S. Coleman, principal of the Grayson street school, is mourning the loss of \$700 in money and \$300 in diamonds, which she left beneath her pillow. A Negro servant has been arrested.

### Uniform Rank K. of P. Officers.

Paris, Ky., June 7.—Officers of the 5th regiment, Uniform Rank K. of P., elected G. L. Meyran, of Carlisle, colonel; R. H. Conway, of Cynthia, lieutenant colonel, and J. J. Adams, of Winchester, major of the 1st battalion.

### Killed While Fishing.

Lagrange, Ky., June 7.—While three lads, two little sons of Dr. Weeks, and a colored companion were fishing near Baldard lake, lightning struck and killed the Negro boy and fatally shocked Force Weeks, aged 8.

### LOUISVILLE BIKE RACES.

In the 100 Mile Spurt Between Chas. A. Koch and Ed J. Daubert, the Former Was the Winner.

Louisville, Ky., June 10.—In the 100-mile bicycle race between Charles A. Koch and Ed J. Daubert at Fountain Park Sunday afternoon Koch won from Daubert by four lengths. A small crowd witnessed the contest and the time was 5 hours and 45 minutes. Neither of the contestants had done any track training. At 12 o'clock the start was made, and Lee A. Spindle was timekeeper for Koch, and Chas. L. W. Daubert for Ed J. Daubert. H. W. Mattimiller acted as timekeeper. A. L. Edwards as referee. The best time was made during the first ten miles by the men. At the end of the first hour they had covered 19 miles; the second showed 38, the third 56, the fourth 73, and the fifth 89 miles. At the last mile neither man showed any speed and both were making slow time, alternating the place. In the stretch Koch, who was behind, gathered speed and shot by Daubert like lightning. The purse was for \$100 and the honors for the better rider.

### A SECRET MARRIAGE.

The Event Just Revealed By the Settlement of a Kentucky Woman's Estate at Owensboro.

Owensboro, Ky., June 8.—In the circuit court Friday a sensational answer was filed in a suit setting up a marriage between Miss Josie Dryer, of this city, and Max Schneider, in Cincinnati in 1898, that has been kept a secret to this day.

On July 7, 1897, Margaret Dryer died, leaving an estate worth \$20,000. She left a will making her daughter Josie executrix of the estate and trustee for Andrew and Isaac Dryer, two improvident sons.

A few weeks ago Josie as executrix filed a suit to settle the estate, and Friday the two sons filed an answer setting up the secret marriage of their sister in Cincinnati by a magistrate, and then, because they were Catholics, a subsequent marriage by a priest at Bardonia.

### HE RECOVERED.

Lineman Arthur Selser, at Owensboro, Received a 2,200 Volt Shock, But Is Alive.

Owensboro, Ky., June 8.—Although he received 2,200 volts of electricity, physicians say Arthur Selser will recover from the shock. Selser is a lineman for the electric light plant here, and Friday, while mending a break at the power house, his foot slipped and he received the entire voltage through his body. He had placed a plank edgewise to act as a nonconductor, and it slipped, throwing him to the ground. He held the live wire in his hands and was rendered unconscious.

It is estimated that the wire carried a voltage many times enough to kill, and his case is the most remarkable on record excepting the scientific tests of Tesla.

### THE STAKES CLOSED.

Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Trotting Breeders' Association in Lexington.

Lexington, Ky., June 10.—The stakes for the 24th annual meeting of the Kentucky Breeders' Trotting association in Lexington in October closed with the usual heavy list of entries and the veteran organization still wears the plume of leadership over the world's trotting tracks. Six hundred and forty-eight horses, comprising 473 entries have been received, an average of 50 to each race.

The Transylvania stake received 20 subscriptions, and while the list of starters to be named September 17 is more of a mystery this year than usual, owing to the large proportion of nominations, hitherto unknown, the famous stake will undoubtedly retain its position as the greatest annual trotting race of the all aged division.

### To Use Ripley as a Witness.

Frankfort, Ky., June 7.—Arthur Goebel and T. C. Campbell conferred with Capt. W. M. Cravens, of New-castle, who defended Capt. Garnett D. Ripley, Goebel suspect, tried in April and acquitted. It is said that Ripley will be used as a common-wealth's witness in the trials of Jim Howard and Caleb Powers.

### Bradley to Locate in Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., June 8.—Ex-Gov. William O. Bradley, has decided to locate in Louisville to practice law. William McClelland Johnson, who was his partner in Lancaster, will be associated with him.

### Victory For Covington.

Covington, Ky., June 10.—One of the best games of ball played at the Covington park this season was that between the Covingtons and the Muldoons, which resulted in a victory for the Covingtons by a score of 3 to 2.

### Killed By a Marshal.

Williamsburg, Ky., June 10.—Marshal Wilder, of Corbin, shot and instantly killed Andrew Cox Saturday night, who was resisting arrest, and was probably fatally wounded himself by Cox.

## DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

L. Hartman and Wife Found Dead in Bed in Great Northern Hotel, Chicago.

EACH HAD A BULLET WOUND IN TEMPLE

The Woman Supposed to Have Been Rose Violette, a Variety Actress, of New York.

A Runaway Marriage With Death as the Result of Despondency Over the Obscurity of An In-famous Father.

Chicago, June 11.—Side by side, each with a bullet wound in the temple, the dead bodies of L. Hartman and his wife were found in their bed at the Great Northern hotel Monday evening. The room showed no evidence of a struggle. Both lifeless forms were composed, the covering of the bed well tucked about them, but the revolver clutched in the right hand of the husband told the story of the double tragedy.

Of the pair that courted death so successfully nothing is known by the managers of the hotel beyond a report that the man has wealthy connections in New York and that the woman apparently was once an actress under the stage name of Rose Violette. From information given by a woman who inquired for them Monday morning it is supposed that the case is one of a runaway marriage with death as the result of despondency over the obscurity of an unforgiving father.

Hartman and his wife registered at the hotel June 6, giving their address as New York. Both were stylishly dressed and appeared to be persons of means. They were reserved in manner, but from the evidences of affection displayed it was surmised by attaches of the hotel that they were on their wedding trip.

### Dead For Some Time.

Early Sunday night they retired to their apartments, and nothing was seen of them until Monday evening, when they were found dead in bed. The chambermaid tried to gain entrance to the room in the forenoon, but was unable to do so. Later in the day she repeated the attempt, with the same result. Repeated knockings failed to obtain an answer, and the hotel office being notified, the room was broken into Monday night, and the discovery was made of the double tragedy.

New York, June 11.—It was learned from Stage Manager Lawrence, of the New York theater, that a young woman who was billed as Rose Violette had been appearing in different productions at that theater all last winter. She is described as being about 22 years of age, very handsome, with wavy brown hair and a beautiful complexion. The young woman was originally engaged by George W. Lederer to appear in "The man in the Moon." She was with the production all during its run at the New York theater, and was in that part of the chorus known as "red and black girls." She subsequently booked with the "Broadway to Tokio" company, stayed with that organization during its run in this city, and then went on the road when it was taken west.

### NO PATIENTS INJURED.

Fire Destroyed Two Wards, Kitchen, Dining and Medical Supply Room at the Presidio Hospital.

San Francisco, June 11.—A fire in the General Military hospital at the Presidio Monday night destroyed two wards, kitchen, dining room and medical supply room. None of the patients were injured. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

The two wards destroyed were known as the measles wards, and were occupied by 60 patients. There were 200 patients in the general hospital, and all were removed to places of safety without confusion or injury until the fire had been brought under control. The fire had its origin in a room used to store paint, but the cause is unknown yet.

### GAINING STEADILY.

The Condition of Mrs. McKinley Is Very Encouraging—Sat Up in a Chair Several Times Monday.

Washington, June 11.—Dr. Rixey, when he left the white house at 10:15 Monday night, said: "Everything is encouraging; Mrs. McKinley is doing very nicely. She is gaining steadily. She sat up in a rolling chair several times to-day, aggregating probably an hour. We are very much encouraged by the steady improvement."

Surg. Gen. Sternberg made his usual visit to the white house on and leaving said that Mrs. McKinley continued to improve and is doing very well.

### Rough Riders Reunion.

Colorado Springs, Col., June 11.—The Rough Riders have decided to hold their annual reunion in this city during the quarter-centennial celebration, August 1, 2 and 3. It is expected that Vice President Roosevelt will attend the reunion.

### Attempted to End His Life.

New York, June 11.—A message from Bamberg, Bavaria, says that Louis Stern, ex-United States commercial agent there, shot himself Monday in a garden.

### MICHIGAN INDIANS.

Pottowatomie Tribe at a Secret Pow Wow Decided to Invest the Lake Front, Chicago.

St. Joseph, Mich., June 8.—The tribe of Pottowatomie Indians, living in Van Buren county, held a secret pow wow at Hartford to listen to a report of scouts sent to Chicago. By a unanimous vote the tribe decided to sail for Chicago June 22 under the leadership of Chief Isaac Quiggo, the youngest and most daring full-blooded Indian of the tribe. Chief Charles Pokagon, son of the late Simon Pokagon, was deposited together with his council of seven advisers, because of their lukewarm attitude and Frank Williams, Frank Sawalk, J. H. Cashway, Stephen Topash, Joseph Motay, Charles Motay, and Andrew Rupp were elected members of the new council.

The Pottowatomies propose to invest the lake front of Chicago and then proceed to prove their claims to the lands which they believe will be sustained. If the Chicago claim is established, they will squat on all the lake front from the Indiana line to Grand Haven, Mich., which they say is their land by virtue of the same treaty upon which they base their Chicago claim.

### GRADUATING NAVAL CADETS.

Rain Compelled the Ceremonies to Be Held in the Chapel Instead of on the Grounds.

Annapolis, Md., June 8.—Rain interfered with the pomp of the graduation of the naval cadets and made it necessary to hold the ceremonies in the chapel instead of on the grounds as planned.

Capt. Clark made the opening invocation. Commander Wainwright spoke well of the graduating class. Gen. Edward S. Bragg, of Wisconsin, addressed the graduates.

Assistant Secretary Hackett, of the navy, presented the diplomas. Before the presentation he delivered to the cadets the good wishes of the president and secretary of the navy.

The six star members of the class were then given their diplomas first, in the order in which they stand: Cadets Furer, Fogarty, Conway, King Henry and Yates. After that the diplomas were presented with regard to scholastic standing.

### DEATH RATHER THAN PRISON.

Frank Rutledge, Sentenced to 21 Years For Robbery, Committed Suicide in Jail.

Toronto, Ont., June 8.—Rather than go to the penitentiary to serve a 21-year sentence for robbery of a bank in Aurora, Ont., Frank Rutledge committed suicide by jumping over the balustrade circling a gallery in the jail. He fell 30 feet, striking his head on the stone floor and fracturing his skull.

Fred Lee Rice and Rutledge, who, with Thomas Jones, was implicated in the Aurora bank robbery, were sentenced to 21 years in the Kingston penitentiary. While jail guards were taking Rutledge and Rice to dinner the former suddenly sprang away from the guards, ran swiftly up the steps to the gallery and without a moment's hesitation jumped over the railing to the stone floor below. He died at the hospital without regaining consciousness.

### THE FLYWHEEL BURST.

Negro Woman Sleeping in a Shanty Nearly Killed and Her Husband Unharmed.

Charleston, S. C., June 8.—A fly wheel at the power house of the Charleston Consolidated Railway, Gas and Electric Light Co., 16 feet in diameter and weighing 15 tons, burst, one piece five feet long and weighing a ton, striking a shanty 550 feet from the power house and killing Lydia Bonneau, a Negro woman. In bed by her side was her husband, who was untouched.

### Tried to Drown Himself in Blood.

Pontiac, Mich., June 8.—Frank Taylor, of Oxford, despondent because his sweetheart married another man, attempted to drown himself in a tank of blood in a slaughter house. He was assisting in killing cattle and when the tank in which the blood was retained became full, he jumped in. He was rescued.

### Need Not Be Stamped.

Washington, June 8.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes has ruled that under the revenue reduction act of March 2, 1901, which will go into effect July 1, the bonds of contractors for government work will not be required to be stamped.

### Gen. Young's Command.

Washington, June 8.—Maj. Gen. S. M. B. Young, who is in this city, will resume command of the department of California on the 30th inst, relieving Maj. Gen. Shafter, whose commission as major general of volunteers expires on that date.

### Schooner Seized.

San Juan, Porto Rico, June 8.—The schooner Let Me Pass, the property of a resident of the island of Vieques, off the coast of Porto Rico, has been seized and two merchants have been arrested on a charge of smuggling liquor.

### He Found Out.

Clarksville, Tenn., June 8.—At Guthrie, Ky., John Poole, a well digger, was blown to pieces at the bottom of a 54-foot well while investigating to see why a dynamite blast he had placed had not exploded.

## IS STILL IMPROVING.

Mrs. McKinley Sat Up for a Few Minutes Sunday.

It Is Not Expected She Would Be Strong Enough to Travel Before July, Even If Improvement Continues.

Washington, June 10.—The reports from the sick room up to a late hour Sunday night were decidedly encouraging. Dr. Rixey appeared much better satisfied with the patient's condition Sunday night than for some time. Mrs. McKinley set up for a few minutes Sunday. It was the second time she has been able to do so in some time. Surgeon General Sternberg remained longer than usual Sunday evening. Heretofore he has maintained a sphynxlike silence about Mrs. McKinley's condition, but when he left Sunday night he said, "Mrs. McKinley is doing very well now. There are no new developments."

Mrs. McKinley will be taken to Canton whenever she is in condition to bear the journey. Extensive improvements have been made in the McKinley home in Canton, including the building of a portico and the remodeling of portions of the house, and it was planned last autumn that she and the president should go to Canton about July 1 of this summer. In case Mrs. McKinley recovers this plan will be carried out, though it is not expected she would be strong enough to leave here the first of July, even if improvement should continue steadily. Dr. Rixey said Sunday night he was unprepared to predict whether she would be able to carry out these plans. It is believed that considerable benefit would accrue from removal to her old home, especially as it is cooler and more breezy there than here.

### AT BUFFALO.

The Secretary of War, Elihu Root, and Party Arrived Sunday on a Special Train.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 10.—Hon. Elihu Root, secretary of war, arrived in this city Sunday afternoon. He was met at the station by Director General William I. Buchanan, of the Pan-American exposition, and Capt. P. C. Haines, of the United States army. The other members of Secretary Root's party are Maj. Gen. Corbin, Maj. Gen. Young, Col. and Mrs. Johnston and Miss Edythe Patten.

Mrs. Root and her daughter arrived here Monday.

The detachments of the United States army now quartered within the exposition enclosure are making preparations to receive the secretary of war with honors befitting his position.

### THREE GIRLS DROWNED.

Slit on the Delaware River Swamp and Six Occupants Thrown Into the Water.

Philadelphia, June 10.—A party of six persons, three men and three girls, while sailing on the Delaware river Sunday afternoon off North Eastington, a few miles below this city, were thrown into the water by the swamping of their skiff during a squall and the three girls were drowned. The names of the girls are: Rosie Koons, aged 17 years; Mary Koons, aged 19; Mamie Traynor, aged 22. The party were guests of the Federal Boat club. Other members of the club heard the cries of the unfortunate and immediately set about rescuing them. The three men were quickly hauled into their boats, but the girls sank before they could be reached.

### A HEAVY LOSS.

The Wheat Crop on 400 Farms West and Northwest of Blackwell, O., Ruined By a Storm.

Wichita, Kan., June 10.—A correspondent who arrived here Sunday night from the scene of devastation in Kay county, Oklahoma, says that the storm of Friday night ruined the wheat crop of 400 farms west and northwest of Blackwell. These farms are all in one body of territory. The farmers, who had purchased twine and harvest machinery are asking the local dealers to take them back, and the dealers have referred the matter to the factories. The loss of crops will cause no distress, as the farmers are in good condition financially, owing to a succession of good crops during the past five seasons.

### Eminent Painter Dead.

New York, June 10.—Edward Moran, the eminent marine and landscape painter, died Sunday afternoon in his apartments and studio in Fifth avenue from uraemic poisoning, caused by a complication of diseases from which he had been suffering for about a year.

### Condition of the Treasury.

Washington, June 7.—Thursday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$164,189,651; gold, \$95,015,211.

### Plunged Into a Creek.

Greenwood, B. C., June 7.—The mail stage from Camp McKinn y to Greenwood plunged into Jolly Jack creek. The driver, Andrew Kirkland, was killed and Henry Nicolson and Mrs. Brunters injured.

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